

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Agriculture Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri R. Srihari, former Assistant Director of Agriculture, Palasa & PIA Mandasa Block II, Srikakulam District (Now Retd) - Penalty of reduction of pay by one stage imposed by Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Hyderabad – Appeal Rejected - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:804

Dated:25-06-2008.

Read the following:-

1. From the C&DA, Hyd. Progs. No.Vig-II(4)213/2001 Dated 20-2-2004.
 2. From Sri R. Srihari, A.D.A.(Retd) Appeal petition dated 27--5-2004.
 3. Govt. Memo No. 6671/Vig-1(1)/2004-1 Dated 07-6-2004, A&C (Vig.I) Department. A.P. Hyderabad.
 4. From the C&DA, Hyd.Lr. No. Vig-II(4)309/2004, Dated 23-2-2007.
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ORDER:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad initiated disciplinary action against Sri R.Srihari, former Asst. Director of Agriculture (FTC) Vizianagarm by framing the following charges under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

Article of Charge-I:“that Sri R. Srihari, Asst. Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA, Palasa and PIA Mandasa Block-II, Srikakulam Dist. from 17-6-98 to 12-8-99 has unauthorisedly drawn and misappropriated the interest amount of Rs.97,989/- towards proceeds of S.B. A/c. on the accounts of PIA, Mandasa Block-II for his personal use in violation of Rule 3 of the APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.”

Article of Charge-II: “That Sri R. Srihari, Asst. Director of Agriculture while working as ADA, Palasa and PIA, Mandasa Block.II, Srikakulam Dist. from 17-6-98 to 12-8-99 failed to maintain record of expenditure for an amount of Rs.78,55,000/- released to him and also not attended the audit of accounts when called for. Hence his action is in violation of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.”

2. The Charged Officer in his written statement of defence denied the charges framed against him. A regular inquiry was conducted and the Inquiry Officer held charge 1 proved and Charge II not proved. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad concluded the disciplinary proceedings against the appellant after following due procedure by imposing the penalty of reduction of pay by one stage in the pay scale of appellant Sri R.Srihari, Asst. Director of Agriculture (FTC) Vizianagaram.

3. Aggrieved by the above penalty imposed by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, Sri R.Srihari, former Asst. Director of Agriculture, Palasa & PIA Mandasa Block II Srikakulam has preferred an appeal before the Government wherein he stated that due to preoccupation of busy schedule of his duties as MDT, DRDA, Visakhapatnam and Asst. Director of Agriculture, Viazianagaram and also due to indisposed health conditions he could not concentrate and pursue on the advances made to secretaries and Chairman at Mandasa; that at the insistence of PD, DRDA he had also remitted an amount of Rs.4,165/- as interest on 19-8-2000. Therefore he has requested to consider his appeal and exonerate him from the punishment imposed by the Disciplinary Authority.

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4. Government have examined the appeal submitted by the Appellant in the light of the Inquiry Report, with reference to the original records and remarks of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad and observes that considering the gravity of the charge held proved against the appellant, the penalty of reduction of pay by one stage imposed against him is not excessive or harsh. Government also observes that there is no satisfactory explanation from the Appellant as observed by the Inquiry Officer for keeping the amount with the Appellant for a long time without remitting and he refunded the amount only after detection and was asked to pay which would not amount to temporary misappropriation. Hence Government decided to reject the appeal petition of Sri R. Srihari, former Asst. Director of Agriculture, Palasa & PIA Mandasa Block-II, Srikakulam district.

5. Accordingly Government hereby reject the Appeal petition of Sri R. Srihari, former Asst. Director of Agriculture, Palasa & PIA Mandasa Block-II, Srikakulam district.

6. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**C.R. BISWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri R. Srihari, former Asst. Director of Agriculture, Palasa & PIA Mandasa Block-II, Srikakulam district. (Now Retired) (through C&DA., A.P., Hyderabad).

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The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER